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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

CB - converted boxcar B - boxcar F - flatcar

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1. The following troop trains were listed in railroad records between 11 and 26 March 1955:

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Date in Composition of March	Troop Trains	From	To
11	7 CB, 2 N, 20 F	Binz	Kroepelin
16	5 CB, 2 B, 38 F	Bad Doberan	Binz
	5 CB, 2 B, 38 F	Kroepelin	"
	6 CB, 2 B, 32 F	"	"
	7 CB, 2 B, 37 F	"	"
19	10 CB, 1 B, 44 F	Binz	Kroepelin
21	9 CB, 1 B, 45 F	"	Bad Doberan
22	8 CB, 2 B, 45 F	"	Halle
26	7 CB, 2 B, 51 F	"	Grunow

2. Troop trains observed on 9, 10 and 11 April included:

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9 April. A train of an undetermined number of CB with soldiers and F with 12 x 85-mm AA guns, trucks, sedans and field kitchens which went to Binz via Stralsund.

10 April. A train of an undetermined number of CB with soldiers and F with ar40 armored scout cars and 3 field kitchens which went to Lychen via Fuerstenberg.

11 April. A train of an undetermined number of CB with soldiers and F with 20 T-34 tanks, armored scout cars and trucks which went toward Berlin via Warnitz (Uckermark); and a train of an undetermined number of cars with soldiers and artillery pieces, probably 122-mm field howitzers, which

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was side tracked at the Prenzlau railroad station.

3. The following troop trains passed through the Magdeburg - Rothensee railroad station between 28 March and 5 April:

28 March. A train of 11 CB with soldiers, 11 B with equipment, 3 SSY with round timber, and an undetermined number of F with 12 heavy tanks and 17 trucks which went from Haldensleben to Glauchau.

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29 March. A train of 11 CB with soldiers, 4 B with equipment and an undetermined number of F with 12 heavy tanks, 10 trucks, 3 prime movers and 2 field kitchens which went from Haldensleben to Gera and a train of 9 B, some cars occupied by soldiers, an undetermined number of F with 2 light AT guns and 29 trucks, and 9 empty F which went from Altengrabow to Stendal.

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30 March. A train of 13 CB with soldiers and an undetermined number of F with 10 heavy tanks, 14 trucks, 2 sedans and 1 jeep which went from Altengrabow to Stendal.

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31 March. A train of 2 CB with soldiers and an undetermined number of G with 8 JS-3 tanks and 10 trucks which went from Haldensleben to Glauchau and a train of 10 CB with soldiers and an undetermined number of F with 19 light AA guns, 18 trucks, 1 sedan and 1 field kitchen which went from Stendal to Altengrabow.

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4 April. A train of 8 CB with soldiers, 2 B with equipment and an undetermined number of F with 12 medium-AA guns, 19 trucks and 2 tank trucks and 2 field kitchens which went from Stendal to Burg.

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5 April. A train of an undetermined number of cars which went from Haldensleben to Magdeburg-Brueckfeld and a train of 5 CB with soldiers, 3 B with equipment and an undetermined number of F with 6 JS-3 tanks, 7 trucks and 2 sedans which went from Magdeburg-Rothensee to Wolmirstedt.

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1. Comment. Other reports indicated that large contingents of the 4th Arty Brig went by road and by rail on four troop trains to Wustrow probably for firing practice soon and after 10 March 1955. The units returned on six troop trains prior to 16 March 1955. According to the present report, two other troop trains carried contingents to Wustrow on 19 and 21 March, and one of these trains probably returned on 9 April 1955.
2. Comment. The troop trains probably carried an element of the 4th AR Arty Brig to a command post exercise which was believed to be held in the Lieberose area during this period.
3. Comment. The movement indicates that elements of the 220th Hv Tk SP Regt and unidentified tank training unit Gera-Tinz of the Eighth Gds Army probably returned from firing practice on Letzling Heath. The entraining of tank units was previously confirmed.
4. Comment. The troop trains probably belonged to the AAA Regiment of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps.

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